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Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/987,404
Our Reference: RYU.007

Dear Examiner Hoffman:

Enclosed is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, which we request that you enter and which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.